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We refer to the written opinion of July 27, 2004 in which the US 2002131271 A1, DE10018073 A1 and US6402350 B1, below denoted respectively D1, D2 and D3 are cited as particularly relevant.

D1 teaches of a recessed lighting fixture 100 for mounting to a ceiling comprising a housing 110, a frame 105 and at least one locking assembly 120. The frame 105 is arranged to receive and hold a transformer 135 and/or a junction box 140. The frame is a flat plate that rests on top of an upper surface of the ceiling (see page 2/column 2/line 8 & 9). Even though attachment elements (lugs) protruding downwardly through slits 130 in the frame, thus possibly maintaining a certain gap between the frame and the top surface of the ceiling, this is not highlighted as a feature. Figure 7 is actually depicting being proximate to the ceiling surface. It is assumed that only a hard ceiling surface would prevent the depicted lugs from penetrating into the upper ceiling surface. According to this D1 does not teach of the feature of a piece of fitting being arranged to hold the transformer at a distance from the electricity consumer object and the anchoring object according to the invention.

D2 does not teach of flush mounted electrical installations and is considered not to be relevant.

D3 discloses a lighting fixture 10 having a fixture housing 20 and a trim ring 30 complementary to an access aperture of the ceiling/wall, possibly a neck arrangement 25, the access aperture/neck exhibiting a smaller cross sectional extent than that of the fixture housing. A transformer/ballast housing 40 is releasably attached to the fixture housing. D3 does not teach of a lighting fixture all being mountable through the access aperture of the ceiling/wall, thus departing from the present invention.

In our view the amended set of claims reflect the prior art and emphasize the novel features of the invention.

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In order to emphasize the scope of the invention, "consumer object (2)" has been amended
"electricity consumer object (2)" in the new set of claims.

Yours faithfully,
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A m e n d e d c l a i m s

1. A holder device for a safety transformer (1) for use in
flush mounted electrical installations of extra low
voltage, in which the safety transformer (1) is placed
5 in proximity of an electricity consumer object (2), the
safety transformer (1) and the electricity consumer ob-
ject (2) being detachable through a mounting aperture
(4) of an anchoring object (6), c h a r a c t e r -
i z e d i n that the safety transformer (1) is con-
10 nected to a piece of fittings (7), the piece of fittings
(7) being arranged to hold the safety transformer (1) at
a distance from the electricity consumer object (2) and
a n the anchoring object (6).
2. The device according to claim 1, c h a r a c t e r -
15 i z e d i n that the piece of fittings (7) is con-
nected to the electricity consumer object (2).
3. The device according to claim 1, c h a r a c t e r -
i z e d i n that the piece of fittings (7) is con-
nected to the anchoring object (6).